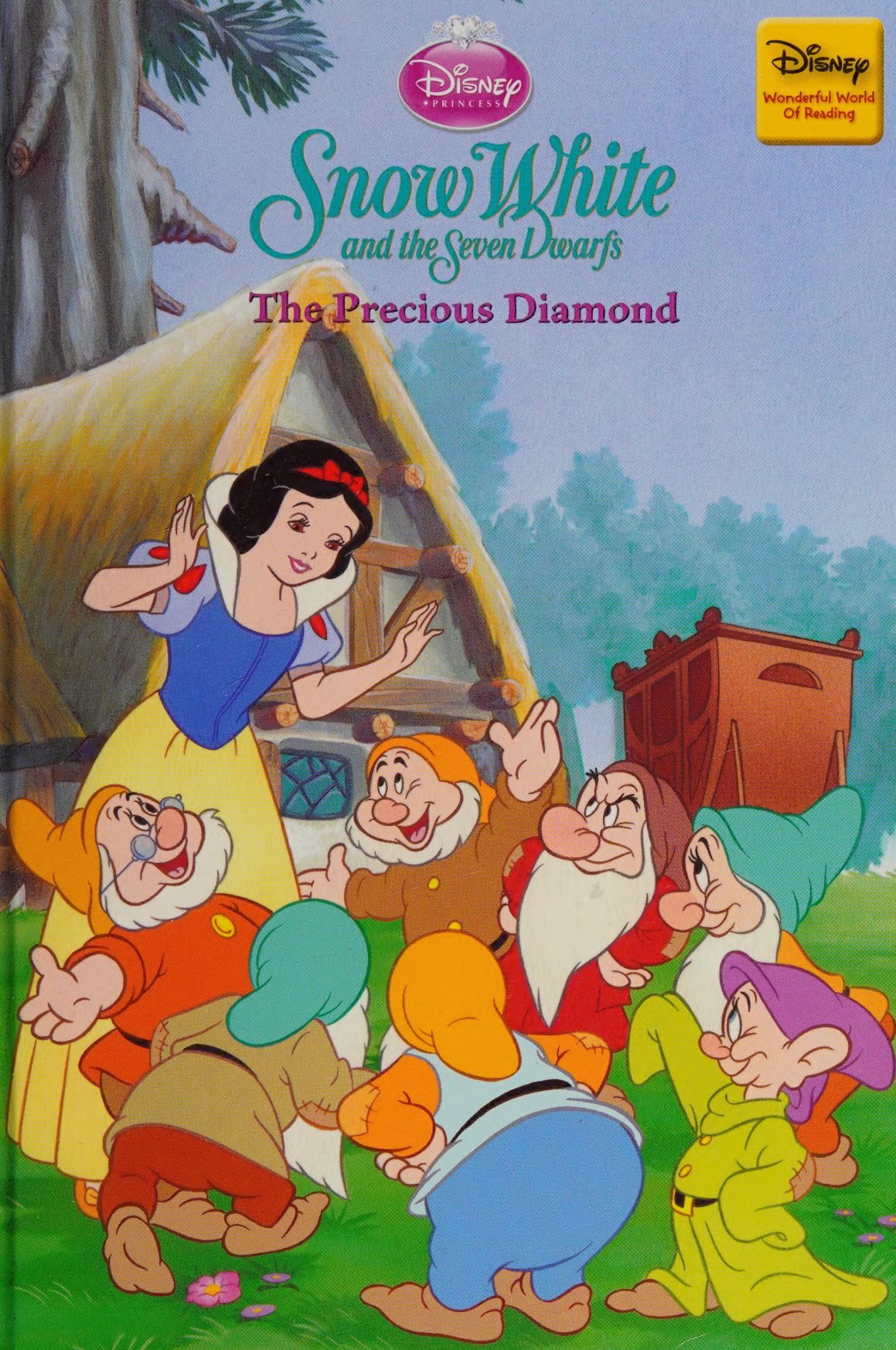
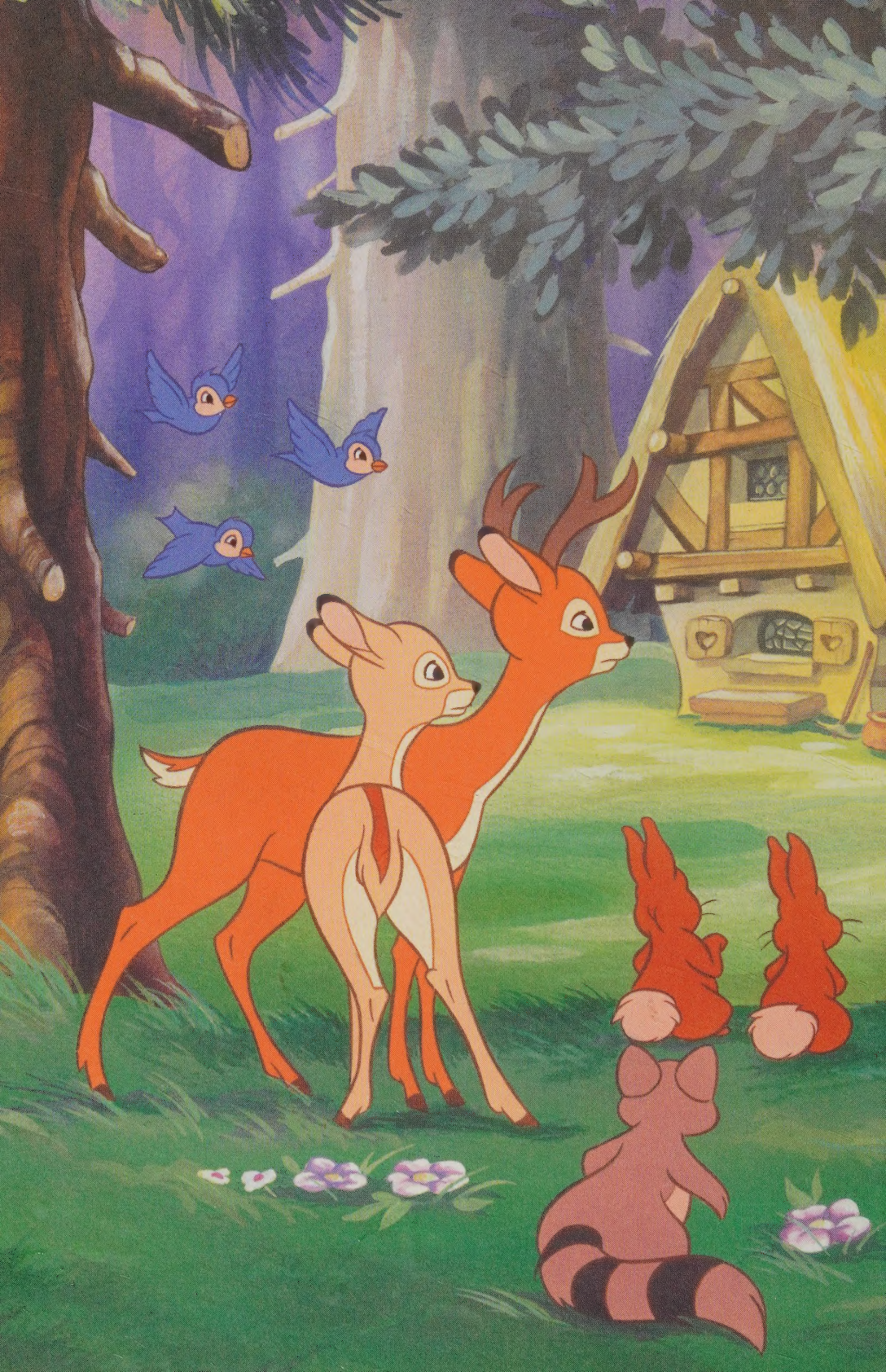




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It was early morning in the forest. The seven dwarfs were on their way to work in the diamond mine.

As they marched along, they sang:

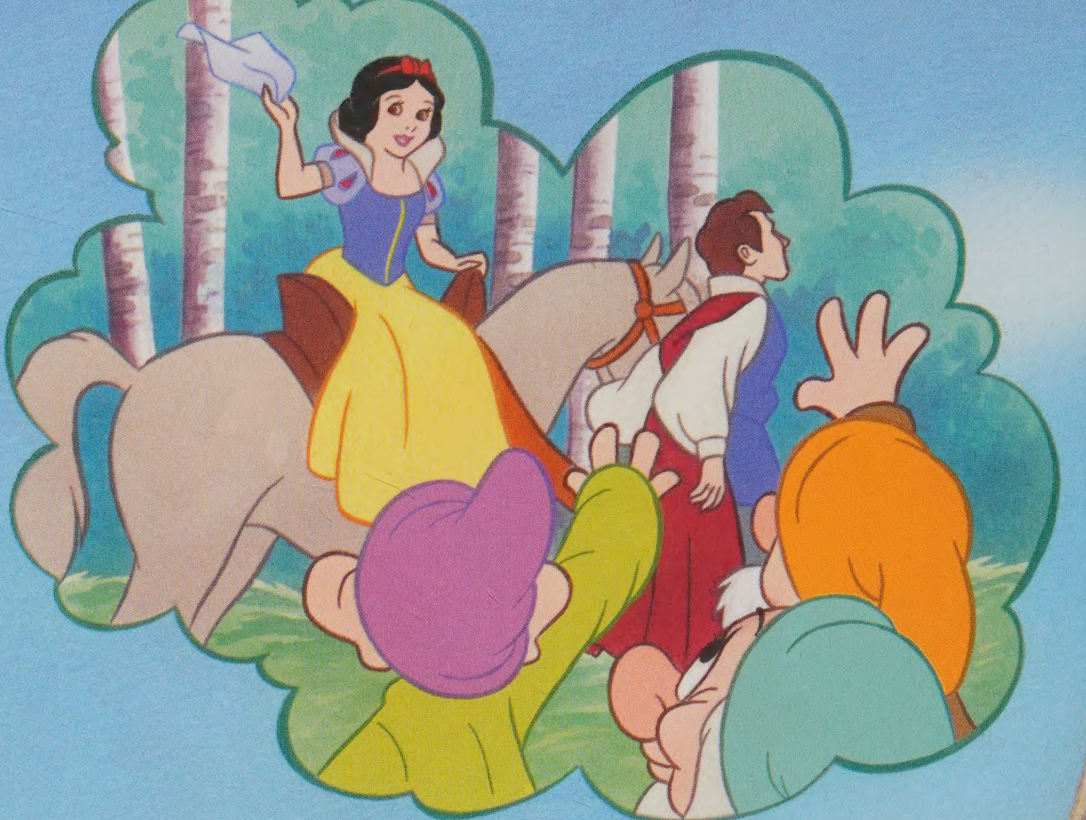
"Hi ho! Hi ho!

It's off to work we go!"





Suddenly, they noticed their friend the bluebird fluttering above them. He had something important to tell the dwarfs.



“Good news!” chirped the bluebird. “I’ve just come from Snow White’s castle. She and the Prince are coming to the forest this afternoon to visit you.”

The dwarfs jumped for joy. They hadn’t seen Snow White since she had left their cottage to marry the Prince.

“We should do something special for her!” suggested Doc.

All the dwarfs agreed.





The dwarfs worked happily that day. They were excited about Snow White's visit, but they couldn't think of anything special to do for her.



Then, while Dopey was digging,
he found something. It was a
huge, shimmering diamond.





“We should give the diamond to Snow White,” declared Doc.

Even Grumpy agreed that it was the perfect present for their friend.



When the dwarfs got back home, they realised they had a lot of work to do. Their cottage was in a complete mess!

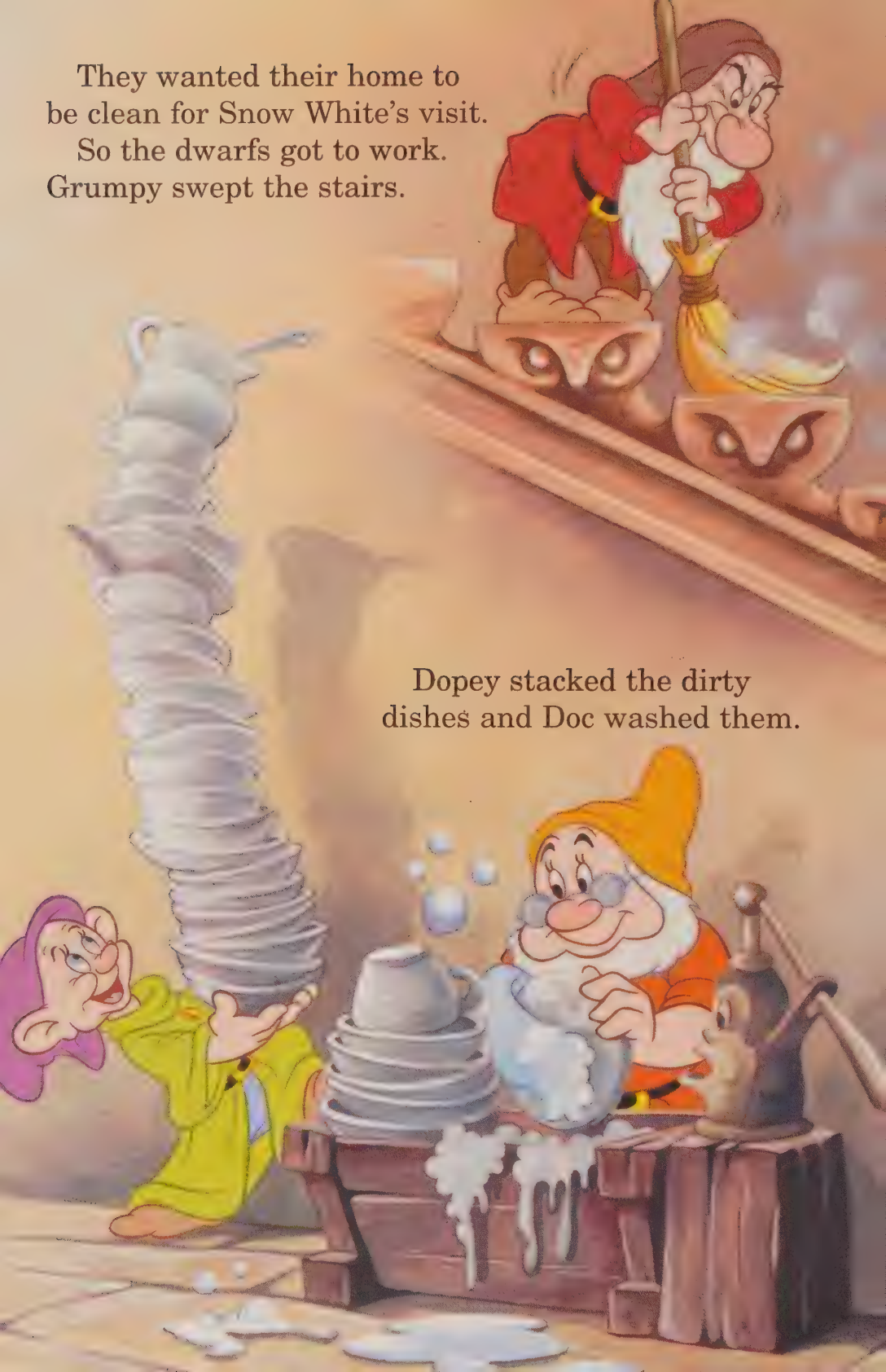


Nobody could remember when the floor had last been swept or the shelves dusted. And there were piles of dirty dishes everywhere!

They wanted their home to
be clean for Snow White's visit.

So the dwarfs got to work.
Grumpy swept the stairs.

Dopey stacked the dirty
dishes and Doc washed them.





The animals joined in too. The bluebird and the squirrel dusted every nook and cranny of the cottage.



Happy was in charge of floor cleaning. He swept and swept until the floor was spotless!



At last, the clean-up operation was finished. The cottage was sparkling.

Doc bustled round the kitchen, preparing a delicious dinner.



Dopey and his animal friends decorated the dinner table with freshly picked flowers. As a finishing touch, he placed the precious diamond at the centre of the table.



The dwarfs were almost ready for their visitor. There was only one thing left to do. The dwarfs went out to the water trough to wash. They rubbed their hands together to make lots of soapy lather, just as Snow White had taught them.





But when they came back inside, they got a terrible shock.

The diamond had disappeared from the table!



“I think you lost it, Grumpy,” said Sleepy.



“You should have been guarding the diamond, Happy,” said Sneezy.



“It was Dopey who had the diamond last,” accused Grumpy.



“That’s enough!” called Doc. “We can’t waste time arguing. We need to get searching!”

The dwarfs searched high and low. But they couldn’t find the diamond.



Suddenly, the bluebird appeared.
"Snow White and the Prince are on their way,"
he twittered. "They will be here soon."





“Oh dear,” said Sneezy. “We had a gift for Snow White, but it’s disappeared!”

The seven dwarfs told the bluebird the whole story of the diamond.

“Can you help us, Bluebird?” asked Happy.

“Follow me,” chirped the bird. “I think I know where your diamond might be.”

Off they all went, with the bluebird leading the way. He flew up into a tall tree, where an angry old magpie had a nest.

Something in the nest was sparkling. They knew it was the diamond.

"Give us back our diamond!" shouted Doc. But the magpie ignored him.





The dwarfs realised they would have to get the diamond back themselves. They all stood on each other's shoulders so that they could reach the tall branch. Dopey was at the top.

"Careful, Dopey!" grumbled Grumpy. "You're squashing my head!"



Just then, bluebird and his friends swooped down and chased the magpie from his nest. Now Dopey could reach into the nest with no fear of being pecked.

“Got it!” cried Dopey as he held up the diamond.





Suddenly, Sneezy went “Ahhhh-CHOO!”

The tower of dwarfs came tumbling down. Dopey landed on top of his friends. Luckily, he was still holding on to the precious jewel.





The dwarfs rushed off, leaving the magpie to sulk on his branch.

“Hurry!” tweeted the bluebird. “Snow White and the Prince will be at the cottage any minute!”

Dopey clutched the diamond as his friend the deer gave him a ride.





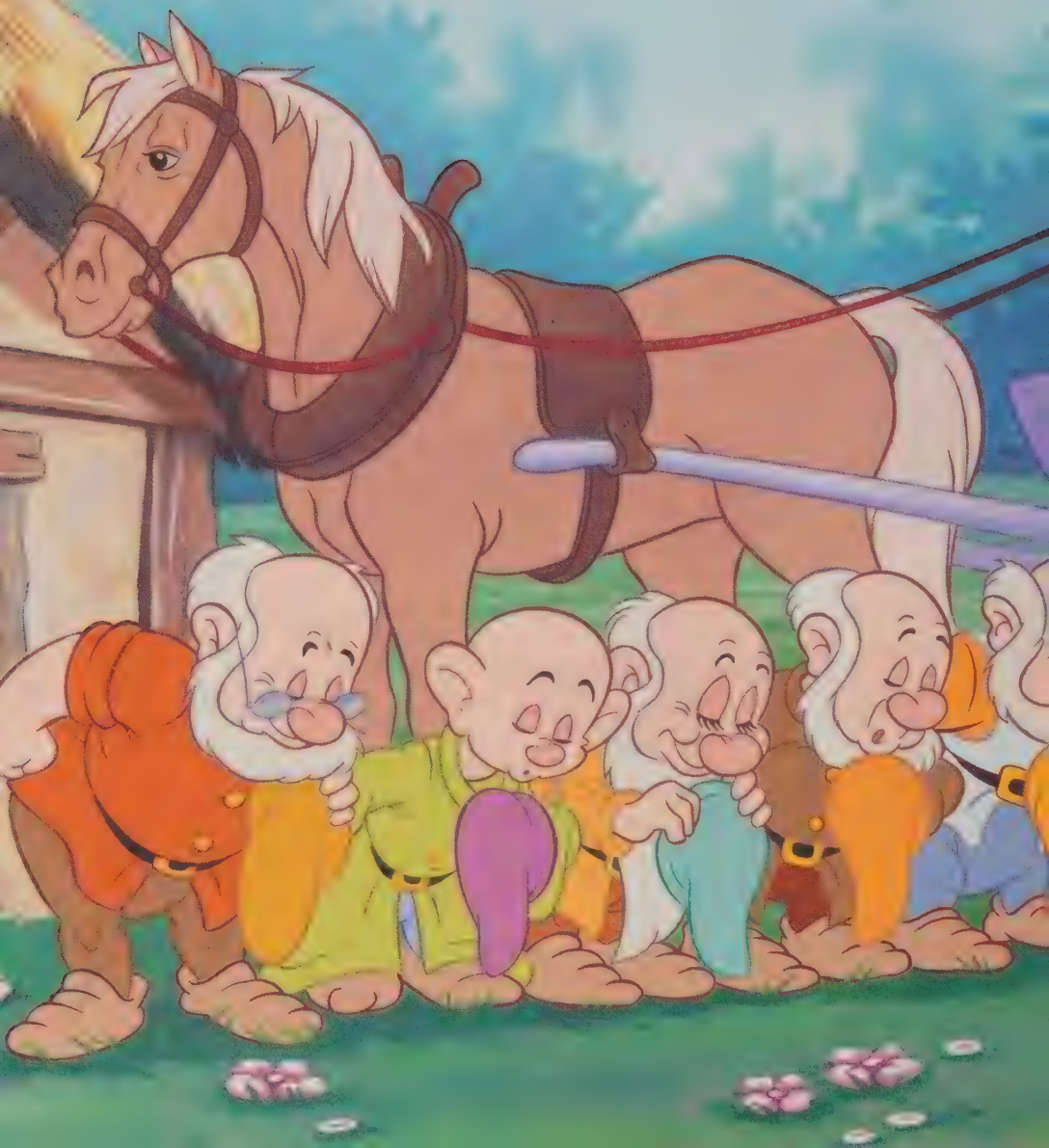
The dwarfs arrived home. They were pleased to find that Snow White hadn't arrived yet.



As Dopey carefully put the diamond back on the table, the dwarfs heard the sound of thundering hooves in the distance.

The royal carriage stopped at the cottage. The seven dwarfs rushed outside to greet their guests.

Snow White's face lit up with joy at the sight of her friends. "Oh, how I missed you all!" she sighed.







Snow White planted a kiss on the head of each of the dwarfs. Then everyone went inside.

"Everything looks lovely," exclaimed Snow White. "And what a beautiful diamond!"

"It's for you," said the dwarfs.

Snow White was so moved by their kindness that she hardly knew what to say.

"Thank you... thank you, my friends," she stammered. "I will treasure my diamond, just as I treasure our friendship."





After a delicious dinner, it was time for music and dancing. All evening long, the dwarfs and their guests sang and danced together.



The hours flew by. It was very late when Snow White and the Prince finally decided it was time to go home.

The dwarfs waved goodbye as the royal carriage disappeared into the night.







“Time for bed,” said Grumpy.

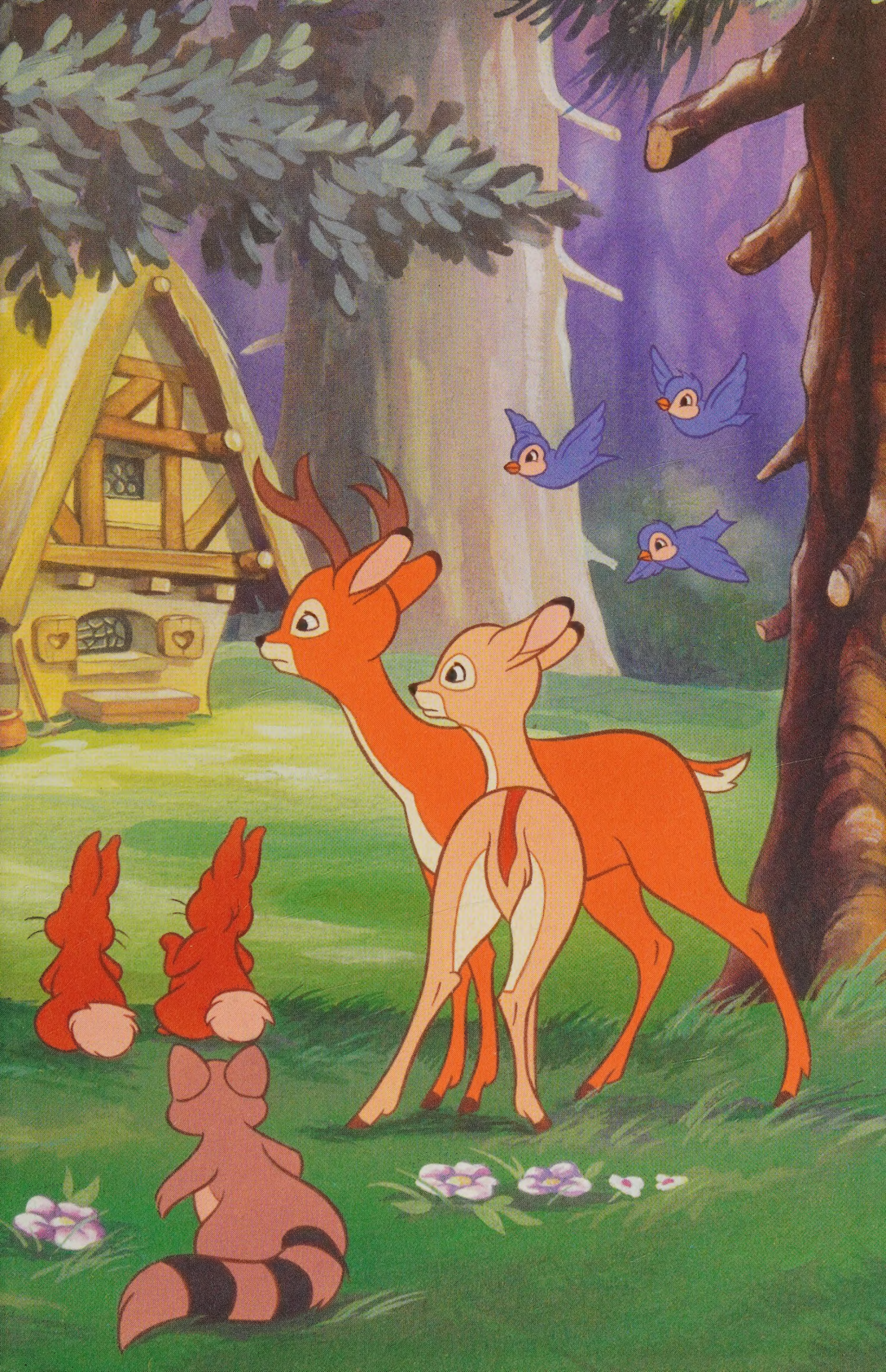
“What a wonderful party!” said Doc. “Thank you, everyone, for working so hard to tidy the cottage.”

“And a special thank you to you, Dopey, for finding the diamond... twice!” added Happy.

But Dopey didn’t reply. He was already fast asleep, still grinning from ear to ear...







**The seven dwarfs are excited –
Snow White is coming to visit them! In
the mine, Dopey uncovers a gift fit for
a princess - a huge, glittering diamond.
But then the jewel goes missing. Can the
dwarfs get it back, before their beautiful
guest arrives?**

